

ABSTRACT

An apparatus and structure for transmitting and receiving an audio signal over a network (25). A dual mode telephone (1) is adapted to switch between a standard telephone mode and an Internet Protocol (IP) telephone mode. The standard telephone mode comprises a standard telephone (11) adapted to transmit and receive audio over a standard telephone network (37). The IP telephone mode comprises an IP telephone (15) adapted to convert an audio signal to an IP packet and transmit the IP packet over a communication link (14) to a network (25 ).